to be viable. No financial assistance is directly provided by the Central Government in such cases.

Statement

District-wise data of sick non-SSI units reported closed in the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat

Name of the district	No. of units
Maharashtra	
G. Bombay	84
Thane	42
Raigarh	9
Ratnagari	4
Sindhudurg	1
Kolhapur	1
Solapur	4
Sangli	2
Satara	3
Pune	16
Ahmadnagar	2
Aurangabad	7
Jalana	1
Nanded	1
Chandrapur	2
Bhandara	1
Nagpur	11
Amravati	2
Akola	1
Nasik	6
Dhule	1
Jalgaon	2
Gadchiroli	1
TOTAL	204
Gujarat	
Gandhi Nagar	6
Mehsana	3
Panchamahal	4
Vadodara	7
Baruch	3
Valsad	9
Surat	7
Kheda	2
Ahmedabad	42
Bhavnagar	3
Junagarh	1
Rajkot	4
Jamnagar	1
Surendranagar	4
Kutch	6
TOTAL	102

NRI Investment

2613. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

fa) what is the extent of foreign investment in Maharashtra and Gujarat in various fields after liberalisation schemes and latest visit of Prime Minister to the USA;

(b) to what extent the foreign investments meet Government's expectations from these two States;

(c) the number of NRIs who belong to Kachh district and have shown keen interest to invest their capital in various projects in their motherland, to Prime Minister during the meeting;

(d) the outcome thereof and action/measures taken by Government in this context; and

Ce) the efforts made by Government to increase the NRI Investment in the States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. *KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) During the period from 1993 to 1994 (up to October), Rs. 5099.05 crores and Rs. 1760.98 crores of foreign direct investment including NRI investment have been approved in various fields in the State of Maharashtra and Gujarat respectively. State-wise data prior to 1993 has not been centrally maintained.

After the visit of Prime Minister to U.S.A. in May, 1994 Rs. 3271.41 ctores and Rs. 817.66 crores of foreign direct investment have been approved from June, 1994 *to* October, 1994 in the State of Maharashtra and Gujarat respectively.

(b) While Government have not made any porjection of the likely foreign investment in these states, the upward trends of foreign investment approved so far is encouraging.

(c) District wise data of NRTs who met Prime Minister during his visit has not been centrally maintained.

(a") Does not arise.

(e) The Central Government provides several facilities, including permission to NRIs/OCEs to invest up to 100% foreig

equity with full benefits of repatriation of capital invested and income accruing thereon for promoting NRI investment in the country. The location of the project is however, left to the choice of the investor.

Contribution of National Small Industries Corporation

2614. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Small Industries. Corporation has made a singnificant contribution to the growth of small scale industries to build up entrepreneurship and strong industrial base;

(b) if so, whether the Corporation has also decided to assist the less-developed areas to encourage balanced regional growth and to generate employment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the incentives being given for setting up these industries in rural, backward and tribal areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) Yes Sir. The NSIC has made significant contribution to the growth of small scale industries in India. It has been helping in building up the culture of entrepreneurship in different parts of the country. The Corporation renders assistance to small scale sector in the following manner :—

1. Supply of machines on hire purchase basis.
2. Supply of machines on lease basis to existing units for their expansions, modernisation and technology up-gradation.
3. Marketing of small scale industries products as well as exports.
4. Enlistment of competent units for participation in Government Stores Purchase Programme.
5. Training in several technical trades at their prototype Development & Training Centres and their Sub-Centres.
6. Procurement and supply of indigenous and imported raw materials.

So far, NSIC has provided financial support to about 30,000 small scale units under their hire purchase and equipment leasing schemes. Further, machines worth about Rs. 400 crores have also been supplied on the above mentioned two schemes. About 30% of the above have been supplied in backward areas. The Corporation has been providing assistance to the units set up in rural and backward areas for balanced regional growth and also to generate employment. The Corporation has been conducting Enterprise Building Programme in these areas. Con cessions in the rete of interest, earnest money and service charge in supplying machines on hire purchase basis are available to small scale units in the backward areas.

In order to motivate rural youths towards industrial activity, the corporation provides technical training to persons coming from backward and rural areas its Prototype Development & Training Centres located at Okhla, Howrah, Rajkot, Madras and Hyderabad and four Sub-Centres at Kashi-pur and Aligarh (in U.P.), Dindigul (Tamil Nadu), Khammam (Andnra Pradesh) and Development-cum-Training Centre at Guwahati (Assam). PDTCs and Sub-Centres have trained a large number of persons through several training programmes. These Centres also provide common facility services to the small scale units located in these areas. Further, these Centres have also developed and upgraded tools and equipments needed by the local artisans such as Steel Processing Drum for irrigation pump by the Kashipur Centre, T type Gas Flow Valve by the Aligarh Centre, Cobbler Kit by the Dindigul Centre, Carpenter Kit by the Khammam Centre.

Industrial development of Tribal areas in Gujarat and Maharashtra

2615 SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI •SHUKLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial development in the tribal and backward